March Comes in Like a Lion

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Ladybug Bush ③

The next day, on my way home from school,

Rei-chan was sitting on the bench near the bridge.

"There's something I want to read up on, so I was hoping you'd bring me to the library."

Rei-chan had asked, so I showed him to the library.

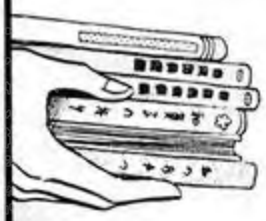
It was my first time at the library since elementary school.

When I saw the chairs in the children's corner,

I thought, "Were we really that small?",

and tears started welling up.

"I found these", said Rei-chan as he brought over...



The whole time, Rei-chan sat next to me,

And there were also lots of really pretty wagashi I'd never seen in it.

There were some wagashi I had seen in Ojii-chan's shop.

...these books of incredibly beautiful wagashi.

和菓子歳時期

staring at illustrated reference books about plants and insects.

THERE IT IS...

植物図鑑

—I SEE.

SO IT'S CALLED A SILVER-THORN...

AND,

WHAT I HAD ALWAYS CALLED THE TWO-STAR LADYBUG

WAS ACTUALLY THE HARLEQUIN LADYBIRD...

天道虫

ナミテン

HOLD OUT YOUR HAND...
When I murmured that...
SO "LADYBUG" IS WRITTEN AS "SUN INSECT" IN KANJI?
I WONDER WHY THAT IS.

SFX: PAHH
パッ
IT KEEPS CLIMB-ING AND CLIMB-ING...
...IT TICKLES.

SFX: PAAAAA
IT FLEW AWAY!
AH!

As I saw the ladybug fly off,
Rei-chan explained to me
that this cute little creature would fly towards the sun.
that the "sun insect" was a name given by people long ago,
for the way

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